



# McMahon School PTA Quarterly Newsletter



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## Summertime is Here!

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over! This has been another busy year for the PTA at McMahon School. Here is some highlights of what the PTA has been doing for our children.

- ☺ Purchased two new TV's and VCR/DVD combo's for the school, providing each wing with new equipment.
- ☺ Introduced a "Pride Clothing" line to encourage school spirit at prices just high enough to cover actual costs.
- ☺ Developed a Volunteer Log to encourage more families to participate in school activities.
- ☺ Participated in several activities at the school for our children by providing volunteers for:
  - Book Fairs
  - Welcome Back Barbeque
  - Picture Days
  - Holiday Concert
  - Ice Cream Socials
  - Talent Show
  - Lasagna Dinner
  - Block Party
  - Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Volunteer Appreciation
  - Roller Skating Party
  - Grandparent's Day Lunch
  - Spring Barbeque
- ☺ Sponsored a major fund raiser with Meadow Farms which raised more than \$17,000 for our children and school!
- ☺ Contributed funds to each of the grades to help defray costs for their field trips.
- ☺ Purchased a new laminator for the school.
- ☺ Purchased student planners for all the children.
- ☺ Contributed some money to purchase new uniforms for the Cheerleaders to replace the ones that have been in service for 16 years!
- ☺ Worked with Teachers to develop a Summer Reading Program for our children.
- ☺ Brought the Northern Sky Lab into the school for an educational and fun opportunity for our children.
- ☺ Purchased a Tiger Mascot Costume to encourage school spirit.
- ☺ Sponsored an Anti-Bullying Presentation for Parents and Teachers
- ☺ Boxtops, Shaws Escrip, and Hannaford Dollars raised almost \$2,000!

## McMahon Elementary School is the First School in Maine to be Certified by National PTA as a "School of Excellence in Parent Involvement"

What is this program, you ask? Students whose parents take an active role in their learning have an undeniable advantage. We know that when parents are involved, students achieve higher grades, exhibit better self-esteem, and are more likely to graduate. Quite simply, parent involvement fuels student success, not only in the classroom, but also in life.

Thanks go to the School of Excellence Team for working very hard to put together the application for this Certification!

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|---------------|----------------|
| Althea Walker | Joyce Usher    |
| Lisa Bussiere | Mary Ann Hamel |
| Tammy Soucy   | Joe Bradeen    |



## PTA Officers

The annual election of officers occurred on June 1, 2004. The officers below were elected to represent the McMahon School PTA for the coming year.

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|----------------|---------------|
| President      | Lisa Bussiere |
| Vice President | Nicole Boulet |
| Treasurer      | Pamela Beaulé |
| Secretary      | Lisa Asselin  |

## 2004/2005 PTA Meeting Dates

The first PTA Meeting of for the fall will be held on **Tuesday, September 7, 2004** from 6-8pm in the School Library. We have had a request to change the meeting dates for next year so we will be discussing this at the first meeting. Please plan to attend!

**Keep Saving your  
Labels and Boxtops Over the Summer!**

This summer please keep saving your Labels for Education and Boxtop for Education. When your children return to school in September, deposit them in the collection boxes located in the school lobby to the right of the Main Office reception window. For any of you that have relatives that work at St. Mary's, there are collection boxes there as well, since they are our Adopt-a-School. Please help us by continuing to cut out these labels and drop them in our boxes throughout the year.

Register online and get Bonus Box Tops for McMahon. Just go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and sign up for the Booster Club. Not only will you earn bonus box tops for McMahon, but you will also receive newsletters with money-saving coupons!!!

**Wanted: New PTA Members!!!**



As you can see, the PTA at McMahon is alive and well. But we need more people involved!! If only a handful of parents participate, it limits what we are able to do.

Being a member of the McMahon School PTA is rewarding in so many ways. The PTA welcomes anyone – parents, step-parents, grandparents, foster parents, or anyone interested in helping the children at McMahon.

By being a member of the PTA, you have a voice. Come see all of the exciting things that we bring to your children. We are here to expand the learning experiences, as well as add a little fun to the school day. All that we do benefits our children. We need more members. Please consider volunteering a little bit of your time to this worthwhile association. You'll be so glad that you did. For more information, please feel free to contact Lisa Bussiere at 777-7167 or Lyse Roy at 786-0103.



**Do you Shop at Shaws?**

If so, did you know that Shaws would make contributions equal to up to 3% of your grocery purchase to the McMahon School PTA? Signing up is easy!

If you have access to the Internet, go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "Sign Up". Our group name is "McMahon Elementary School". While you're there, register not only YOUR Shaws Rewards Card, but how about. . . Your Mother's? Your Sister's? Your Neighbor's?

If you don't have Internet access, just fill out this short form and return it to your child's teacher. We'll enroll you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Shaws Reward Card # \_\_\_\_\_

**2004-2005 School Calendar**

|                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| First Day of School               | September 1, 2004    |
| Labor Day                         | September 6, 2004    |
| Columbus Day                      | October 11, 2004     |
| Veteran's Day                     | November 11, 2004    |
| Thanksgiving Recess               | November 24-26, 2004 |
| Christmas Recess                  | December 23-31, 2004 |
| New Year's Day                    | January 1, 2005      |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day        | January 17, 2005     |
| Winter Recess                     | February 21-25, 2005 |
| In-Service Days                   | March 17-18, 2005    |
| Spring Recess                     | April 15-22, 2005    |
| Patriot's Day                     | April 18, 2005       |
| In-Service Day                    | May 13, 2005         |
| Memorial Day                      | May 30, 2005         |
| Last Day of School (no snow days) | June 13, 2005        |

**Thank You!!!!**

The PTA Members would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the PTA Officers for all their hard work and dedication over the past year and a half. These folks spent numerous hours developing a PTA we can all be proud of!

Lisa Bussiere – Co-President

Lyse Roy – Co-President (Stepping down)

Nicole Boulet – Co-Vice President (Stepping down)

Lisa Schultz – Co-Vice President

Ann Michaud – Treasurer (Stepping down)

Lisa Asselin - Secretary

